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#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF BOB KELLAR

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend who is retiring after nearly six decades of noble and loyal service to our Nation and to our State of California.

Today, Mr. Bob Kellar is officially retiring from the Santa Clarita City Council after more than 20 years in that role. During his tenure, he also served as mayor four times.

Before his time on the city council, Bob Kellar also served our community as an LAPD officer for 25 years, and before that, he was a Green Beret in the U.S. Army.

His list of accomplishments and leadership roles in our community is too long to list here today. In the end, it is his kind character, his humble comportment, and his playful sense of humor that makes this patriot and public servant so special.

I want to also thank Bob's wife, Kathy, for making so many sacrifices in support of our community and country.

Bob, I am proud to call you my friend, and I am honored to know you. Sir, you are one of the best Americans I have met. Congratulations on your retirement.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF GENERAL CHUCK YEAGER

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American legend and aviation pioneer, General Chuck Yeager, who passed away this past Monday, December 7.

Daring to be the first to break the sound barrier over California's Mojave Desert, General Yeager achieved aviation history in 1947 and launched the modern jet age. He did what many thought was impossible, and he did it over the skies of my district.

But his dedication to our Nation and contribution to aeronautical sciences was greater than this one crowning achievement. He served in World War II as a fighter ace, shooting down 13 German planes—5 in one day.

In 1953, he set a world speed record by flying at nearly 2½ times the speed of sound.

From commanding the school training astronauts at Edwards Air Force Base, to flying 127 missions as commander of a fighter wing in Vietnam, to testing a Russian MiG-15 obtained from a defector, Chuck Yeager's service to country and advancement of aviation never stopped throughout his lifetime.

These accomplishments might have seemed unlikely in the beginning. Possessing only a high school degree and becoming sick riding in his first military flight as a passenger, he might have seemed an unlikely milestone maker in military aviation. But, as he said in his memoir: "All I know is I worked my tail off learning to learn how to fly, and worked hard at it all the way."

As a fighter pilot myself, this is difficult for me to say, but Chuck Yeager was truly the best fighter pilot this world has seen. Hard work, determination, bravery, and service made Chuck Yeager a role model and a uniquely American hero.

May God bless Chuck Yeager, his family, and the Nation that he served, and I hope Chuck is up there in Heaven setting more records.

#### HONORING ROB STRAIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. PERLMUTTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for a couple of purposes today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Rob Strain, a friend and constituent who is retiring as president of Ball Aerospace, headquartered in Colorado.

Rob first joined Ball Aerospace in 2012, after serving as director of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. At Goddard, Rob's strong oversight and leadership skills contributed to the success of more than 13 missions, as he was able to blend technical and programmatic solutions while under intense congressional and agency scrutiny.

Rob has a hands-on managerial style and a collaborative nature, which makes him a critical contributor on mission teams and not just the person in charge.

Rob helped devise and execute a smooth transition from the flawed tri-agency NPOESS program for the Nation's next-generation polar weather satellites to the NASA/NOAA Joint Polar Satellite System, JPSS, based at Goddard to ensure the continuity of these critical weather satellite observations. The significance of his thoughtful, effective leadership during the program's transition cannot be overstated.

Rob also served a key role for the final space shuttle servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. The mission encountered a major programmatic challenge from a prelaunch computer failure 1 month before the scheduled launch. In this "failure is not an option" moment, Rob brought together the government and industry expertise to fix the problem, ensured the team stayed on track, and minimized scheduled impacts. The result was a successful servicing mission, extending Hubble's incredible contributions to our scientific community as we approach 31 years in service.

Prior to joining NASA, Rob led the Space Department of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, where he was integral to the successful development, launch, and operations of the New Horizons spacecraft to Pluto. New Horizons overcame numerous technical and instrument availability issues to meet an extremely tight planetary launch window and successfully flew by Pluto in 2015.

Through his career at Ball Aerospace, Rob has been a strong champion for diversity and inclusion across his teams and empowering all members of the team to be themselves and contribute to the success of the business and the mission. Despite the success Rob has achieved in his career, he remains an incredibly approachable and humble person. Rob remains accessible to individuals at all career levels, actively seeking their input and making them feel valued.

Rob, I will miss your dry sense of humor, which often brought levity to serious meetings and tense situations. Thank you for your friendship and your work on behalf of the aerospace community, Colorado, and the Nation. I wish you the best in your retirement.

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#### ELECTION RESULTS WERE FAIR

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, the second purpose I rise today is to respond to one of my friends who is questioning the validity of the election. He couldn't be more wrong. The gentleman from Alabama and I work on legislation together. We cosponsored a bill that was just signed. But with respect to his allegations and the allegations of attorneys that there has been major fraud in this election, I can tell you that they couldn't be more wrong. There is not a shred of evidence.

I would say to my friend, under the Constitution—under Article I, Section 1.4—the States are in charge of their elections. And under the section concerning the Presidency, Article II, Section 4, we choose when we hear from the electors of the electoral college—which will be January 6. But citing a New York Post article of an unnamed Democrat, who supposedly is an expert in elections, certainly is not evidence.

In the cases across the country, there has been no evidence, and case after case has been thrown out, as they deserve to be thrown out. In fact, the Supreme Court just threw out a case yesterday concerning claims against Pennsylvania and its election process.

Mr. Speaker, I don't understand how these attorneys can bring these cases without facing sanctions by the various courts for bringing frivolous, vexatious, and abusive litigation. This election was fair. There have been many instances where they are trying to find some level of fraud. No fraud has been found. Joe Biden is the President-elect, and we will make him President on January 20, when the inauguration occurs.

#### HONORING RETIRED COLONEL GARY CLARK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SPANO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Florida 15th District resident and local hero: Retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Gary Clark.

Mr. Speaker, for 26 years, Gary wore his uniform proudly and defended our